

HOUSE RESOLUTION 148

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Jacqueline Arthur on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of service; and

WHEREAS, Jacqueline Arthur is one such estimable individual, who has served with distinction as general manager of Three Rivers Market in Knoxville for twenty-one years and is now taking her well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Three Rivers Market offers healthy, locally produced food to its customers and provides East Tennessee farmers and vendors with an opportunity to sell their products to its many shoppers; the market has also donated more than \$617,000 to local nonprofit organizations through the Nourishing Change program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arthur came on board as general manager of Three Rivers Market in 2000, and under her astute leadership, the store has grown from sales of \$800,000 annually to over \$9 million; and

WHEREAS, with Jacqueline Arthur as general manager, Three Rivers Market, the only consumer-owned food cooperative in the State, has grown in other ways, as well, increasing the number of employees from twelve to fifty-one, raising its minimum wage from \$5.25 to \$15 per hour, and growing the number of co-owners from under 1,000 to 10,000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arthur also oversaw the purchase and development of the market's current location, which has become an institution in the North Knoxville community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving her friends and neighbors through her work at Three Rivers Market, Jacqueline Arthur has served as vice chairman for the Knoxville Community

Development Corporation and was appointed to the Knoxville Community Development Corporation board of commissioners by the mayor of Knoxville in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arthur has served her fellow citizens well for more than two decades, and her contributions will certainly resound throughout her community for years to come; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable tenure, Jacqueline Arthur has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of her colleagues and the citizens she has so ably served; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Jacqueline Arthur our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, wishing her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.